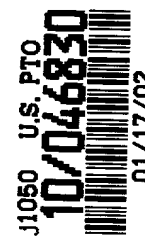




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ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING  
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The present application is a divisional under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 09/120,559, filed July 22, 1998, by Katsuyuki Saito, et al. entitled "ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM".

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- X Print EFS Data Sheet
- 75 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims
- 9 Numbered Claims Calculated as 9 Claims for Fee Purposes
- 29 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 46. (Formal)
- X Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application under 37 CFR 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- X Preliminary Amendment
- X Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 based on Japanese Application Nos. H9-197114, filed July 23, 1997; H9-201565 filed July 28, 1997; H9-206679, filed July 31, 1997 and H-9-208123,

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